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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Chairman
Interdepartmental Committee on
Internal Security
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

FBI review completed

DOJ Review Completed.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

The proposal to establish reciprocal radio agreements with certain foreign governments, which has been receiving consideration within the ICIS, has been the subject of study by the members of the IIC. It has been noted that the proposed agreements would permit certain governments to establish radio facilities within the United States in exchange for the granting of similar privileges to this country.

The military members of the IIC have advised that from the standpoint of their foreign intelligence collection branches, such agreements would be desirable, assuming that the new facilities would be available for the more rapid transmittal to the United States of intelligence data gathered in the countries affected. It has been observed, however, that while this would be to the advantage of our overseas intelligence groups, the same advantage would accrue to the governments permitted similar facilities in this country and their intelligence operations against the United States would be thereby enhanced.

The internal security and investigative aspects have been carefully considered by the IIC, and it has been concluded that a substantial impairment to our internal security could result from permitting foreign radio operations in this country, particularly, in view of the fact that foreign intelligence communications to and from this country would be expedited and foreign intelligence operations within the United States made more effective. The lack of control over foreign radio operations, their probable use for the transmission of intelligence data, and the difficulty of intercepting and decoding such transmissions are factors leading to this conclusion. The ICC, in view of its paramount interest in the internal security, is, therefore, opposed to the establishment of the reciprocal radio agreements herein considered.

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These views of the IIC are being made available to you for your possible use in your continuing consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Edgar Hoover

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